

TO: Test Coordinators

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RE: NAEP Newsletter

This message is intended to notify you that the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2005 Newsletter was recently sent to all school superintendents and is posted on the "Bulletin Board" section of the Department Web page, <http://www.dese.state.mo.us/divimprove/naep>.

The newsletter includes a summary of the NAEP 2005 assessment activities; a comparison of the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) and NAEP; state trend data for grades 4 and 8 reading and mathematics; and a summary featuring what school administrators and students might expect, if selected for the NAEP 2005 sample.

The Missouri school sample includes 185 school districts and 312 schools. Dr. D. Kent King, Commissioner of Education, sent letters last week to notify superintendents of districts and schools selected as part of the state sample.

I hope you find this information helpful. If you have questions or I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

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